

of Akola has developed new variety of orange seeds which are resistant to insects and pests;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether large number of orange trees are infected with a pest called 'Kolshi'; and

(d) If so, the steps taken to control this pest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA). (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Incidence of "Kolshi" caused by black fly was high during 1986-87. Subsequently it was brought under check.

(d) A well tested technology for chemical control of the pest has been developed and demonstrated at the farmers' fields. The Central Govt. has also extended financial assistance to Government of Maharashtra under the Centrally sponsored scheme entitled "Control of important pests & diseases" which covers 'Kolshi' (black fly) also.

Theft of Idol from Shrine in Jammu

4666. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an ancient idol has been stolen from a shrine in Jammu recently;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to restore the idol?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIM.M. JACOB): (a) to (c): The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have intimated that an Idol of Sarthal Mata temple at Kishtwar, District Doda which was stolen on the night of February 8/9, 1992 had since been recovered from village Bewa, two kms. away from Sarthal on 7th March, 1992. 7 persons, who were reportedly connected with this theft, have been arrested.

Assistance to Victims of Flood and Cyclone in Tamil Nadu

4667. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that the Calamity Relief Fund has been exhausted by the Government of Tamil Nadu in providing immediate relief to the victims of flood and cyclone;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to take up with the World Bank the project prepared by the Government of Tamil Nadu to undertake major reconstruction works in flood affected areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a): According to information received from the Government of Tamil Nadu an amount of Rs. 28.63 crores has been spent from the Calamity Relief Fund upto December, 1991 out of a total annual allocation of Rs.39.00 crores.

(b) and (c): The Government of India has not received any project from the Government of Tamil Nadu for posing to World Bank for assistance for reconstruction works in flood affected areas.